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OF THE

SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE

OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR

1840.

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1. Who are admitted on trial?

John R. Locke, Michael Robbins, Allen Huckabee, Williamson Smith, Lewis Little, and Sherod Kennerly.

2. Who remain on trial?

Larke O'Neale, Zephaniah W. Barnes, Edward L. King, Abel M. Chrietzberg, Jacob Nipper, William Brockinton, Wesley L. Pegues, Martin Eady, Alfred Richardson, William McSwain.

3. Who are received into full connexion?

William P. Mouzon, John M. Deas, John H. Zimmerman, William E. Collier, Simpson Jones, Hugh E. Ogburn, Benjamin Hamilton, Martin P. Myers, and James H. Chandler.

4. Who are the Deacons?

Paul A. M. Williams, Joseph P. Kerton, Andrew J. Green, William C. Kirkland, Cornelius M'Cleod, Lewis Scarbrough, George R. Talley, William M. Kerr, William Clark, John McMackin, Colin Murchison, and Abel Hoyle, who were ordained last year; and Jehu G. Postell, William P. Mouzon, John M. Deas, John H. Zimmerman, William E. Collier, Simpson Jones, Hugh E. Ogburn, Benjamin Hamilton, Martin P. Myers, James H. Chandler, and William Holliday, who were ordained this year.

5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders?

Robert J. Limehouse, John A. Minick, Marcus A. McKibben, Samuel Townsend, Wm. Patterson, and Wm. C. Ferrell.

6. Who have located this year?

William Whitby, Frederick Rush, and Leonard Rush.

7. Who are the supernumerary preachers?

None.

8. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?

Joseph Moore, James Jenkins, James Danney, William M. Kennedy, Christian G. Hill, Kenneth Murchison, William M. D. Moore, Morgan C. Turrentine, *William Martin, *John W. M'Coll, *John M. Deas, John Watts, *Allen Hamby.

* Without claim on the Conference funds.

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9. Who have been expelled ?

None.

10. Who have withdrawn ?

None.

11. Were all the preachers' characters examined ?

This was strictly attended to, by calling over their names before the Conference.

12. Who have died this year ?

None.

13. What numbers are in society ?

	Local Preachers.	Number of Whites.	Number of Colored.
<i>Charleston Dist.</i>			
Charleston,	3	581	3742
Black Swamp,	6	538	555
Walterboro',	3	630	496
Orangeburg,	5	656	795
Cypress,	4	861	807
Cooper River,	4	282	400
<i>Missions :</i>			
Savannah, May & New			
River,			28
Beaufort,		3	294
Pocotaligo,		1	249
Combahee,			775
Pon Pon,			368
South Santee,			502
North Santee,		2	385
Cooper River,		14	441
	25	3568	9837
<i>Cokesbury Dist.</i>			
Cokesbury circuit,	10	888	631
Edgefield,	5	597	449
Barnwell,	5	645	291
Pendleton,	6	736	84
Greenville,	7	862	242
Yorkville,	1	399	137
Union,	9	1057	357
Laurens,	4	474	232
Newberry,	4	535	774
	51	6183	3197
<i>Columbia Dist.</i>			
Columbia,	2	194	391
Columbia circuit,	5	453	292
Winnsboro',	7	864	832
Lancaster,	5	729	459
Camden,	4	96	540
Santee,	7	1011	1427
Darlington,	9	616	432
Chesterfield,	3	546	191

Local Preachers.	Number of Whites.	Number of Colored.
<i>Missions :</i>		
Wateree,	42	498
Upper Santee,		740
Broad River,		55
	42	5857
<i>Wilmington Dist.</i>		
Wilmington,	3	204
Brunswick,	4	377
Bladen,	7	846
Fayetteville,	2	169
Rockingham,	11	869
Cheraw,	2	110
Pee Dee,	22	1117
Black River,	8	634
Georgetown,		108
Waccamaw,	4	656
	63	7416
<i>Missions :</i>		
Black River & Pee Dee,	32	1033
Waccamaw Neck,	4	574
	63	5126
<i>Lincolnton Dist.</i>		
Lincoln circuit,	4	767
Deep River,	7	635
Montgomery,	8	761
Wadesboro',	12	763
Centre,	7	643
Charlotte,	3	691
Rutherford,	2	800
King's Mountain,	2	652
Morganton,	7	792
Spartanburg,	1	470
	54	7210
<i>Missions :</i>		
Catawba,	92	3
Rock Fish,	144	131
	54	1724
<i>Recapitulation :</i>		
Charleston District,	25	3568
Cokesbury District,	51	6883
Columbia District,	42	4551
Wilmington District,	63	5126
Lincolnton District,	54	7210
Total,	235	27338
Numbers last year,	230	24756
Increase,	5	2582
Total Increase,	- - -	5,791

14. What amount is necessary to make up the allowances of the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of

preachers; and to supply the deficiencies of those preachers whose claims have not been met in their circuits?

The amount required to meet these claims is \$2,774 55.

15. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

The amount received is \$1,755 75, which has been appropriated as follows:—

To Kenneth Murchison or N. Byrd,	\$17 62	Widow of Rev. A. M. Pherson,	93 06
W. E. Collier,	20 50	" " J. Bunch,	109 98
D. G. McDaniel,	32 41	" " T. D. Turpin,	93 06
A. B. Kelly,	17 50	Widow and orphan child of Rev. J. Freeman,	51 87
W. McSwain,	18 86	Orphan child of Rev. J.	
Wm. Martin,	152 28	J. Richardson,	16 92
Joseph Moore,	70 50	Bishop Roberts,	11 60
James Dannelly,	225 60	Bishop Soule,	11 60
John Watts,	174 84	Bishop Hedding,	11 60
Allen Hamby,	163 56	Bishop Andrew,	12 75
Widow of Rev. J. Game- well,	87 42	Bishop Waugh,	14 31
" " A. Morgan,	104 34	Bishop Morris,	11 60
" " I. Smith,	70 50	Stationary, postage, &c.	11 93
" " D. Asbury,	70 50		
" " A. Brown,	70 50		\$1,747 93

16. *What reports have we from our Sunday Schools?*

	Number of Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Children.
Charleston,	4	47	413
Black Swamp,	4	6	50
Walterboro',	6	20	100
Cypress,	5	18	81
Cokesbury,	3	30	216
Edgefield,	3	11	97
Barnwell,	6	26	136
Pendleton,	8	53	373
Greenville,	6	34	188
Yorkville,	3	20	106
Union,	20	88	518
Laurens,	4	22	131
Newberry,	9	40	251
Columbia,	1	16	112
Columbia circuit,	5	8	117
Winnsboro',	4	20	90
Lancaster,	4	14	144
Camden,	1	8	45
Santee,	11	56	303
Darlington,	5	25	162
Chesterfield,	3	15	86
Wilmington,	1	19	99
Brunswick,	2	8	75
Bladen,	3	6	71
Fayetteville,	1	18	126

	Number of Schools.	Number of Teachers..	Number of Children.
Rockingham,	6	44	259
Cheraw,	1	14	60
Pee Dee,	12	57	339
Black River,	4	19	95
Georgetown,	1	7	50
Waccamaw,	2	6	40
Deep River,	3	6	75
Wadesboro',	2	5	88
Rutherford,	6	25	150
King's Mountain,	5	22	102
Morganton,	5	22	190
Spartanburg,	5	32	231
Catawba Mission,	1	2	30
Rockfish Mission,	3	10	70
	178	899	5869

17. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

CHARLESTON DISTRICT,—Henry Bass, P. E.

Charleston, N. Talley, H. A. C. Walker, Whitefoord Smith,
—W. Capers, Editor of the Southern Christian Advocate.
Black Swamp, R. J. Boyd, W. L. Pegues. Walterboro, Theophilus Huggins. Barnwell, H. H. Durant, Andrew J. Green.
Orangeburg, Allen M'Corquodale, Samuel Dunwody. Cypress,
R. J. Limehouse, J. R. Locke. Cooper River, George R.
Talley. MISSIONS,—Beaufort, Thos. E. Leadbetter, Martin
Eady. Pocotaligo, John N. Davis. Combahee, and Ashepoo,
J. R. Coburn, William Holliday. Pon Pon, C. Wilson. South
Santee, Mark Russell. North Santee, W. C. Ferrell. Cooper
River, Abraham Nettles.

COKESBURY DISTRICT,—W. M. Wightman, P. E.

Cokesbury Circuit, Joseph H. Wheeler, W. P. Mouzon.—
Edgefield, David Derrick, S. W. Kennerly. Pendleton, John
Zimmerman. Greenville, David Hilliard, Williamson Smith.
Yorkville, J. G. Postell. Union, James C. Postell, Thos. S.
Daniel. Laurens, David W. Seal. Newberry, George W.
Moore, John Tarrant. Aiken, Joel W. Townsend. Saluda
mission, J. W. Wellborn.

James Stacey, Agent for Cokesbury Manual Labour School,
and Randolph Macon College.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT—Hartwell Spain, P. E.

Columbia—Charles Betts. Columbia circuit, B. Thomason.
Winnsboro, W. C. Patterson, W. E. Collier. Lancaster, William
Brockinton, Lewis Little. Camden, Samuel Townsend. Santee,
C. A. Crowell, Z. W. Barnes. Darlington, Samuel W. Capers,
L. O'Neal. Chesterfield, W. S. Haltom. MISSIONS—Upper

Santee, S. D. Laney. Broad River, Joseph Holmes. Wateree, W. J. Jackson, Jacob Nipper. Rocky Mount mission, E. L. King.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—B. English, P. E.

Wilmington, W. A. Gamewell. Brunswick, Simpson Jones, Joseph P. Kerton. Bladen, A. Hoyle, H. E. Ogburn. Fayetteville, Samuel Leard. Rockingham, W. T. Harrison, William McSwain. Cheraw, W. C. Kirkland. Pee Dee, J. R. Picket, A. M. Chrietzberg. Black River, Charles S. Walker, Michael Robbins. Georgetown, A. M. Forster. Waccamaw, Lewis Scarbrough, A. Richardson. **MISSIONS**—Black River and Pee Dee, Marcus A. McKibben. Waccamaw Neck, J. A. Minick, James L. Belin. Sampit, Paul A. M. Williams.

LINCOLNTON DISTRICT—William Crook, P. E.

Lincolnton, D. G. McDaniel, W. C. Clark. Deep River, J. M. Bradley, Martin P. Myers. Montgomery, William M. Kerr, A. Huckabee. Wadesboro, Ira L. Potter. Centre, A. W. Walker. Charlotte, A. B. McGilvray. Charlotte circuit, P. G. Bowman, Campbell Smith. Rutherford, J. B. Anthony. Kings Mountain, Benjamin Hamilton. Morganton, Colin Murdoch, James H. Chandler. Spartanburg, S. Armstrong, C. McCleod. **MISSIONS**—Rock Fish, J. A. McMackin.

James E. Evans, transferred to the Georgia Conference.

18. Where, and when, shall our next Conference be held ?

In Camden, S. C. January 6, 1841.

FAST DAYS.

The 17th of April and the 4th of September are appointed as days of fasting, humiliation, and prayer throughout the bounds of this Conference.

THE COURSE OF STUDY, &c.

“FOR THE FIRST YEAR.—The Holy Bible and the Book of Discipline. In studying the Bible the candidate must consult Watson’s Biblical and Theological Dictionary, so as to be able to give a good account of the history of the Bible and its versions, of peculiar Biblical terms, and also of Biblical Biography, Chro-

nology and Geography,—the last named to be studied with special and constant reference to the maps in Watson's Dictionary. As far as opportunity may serve, the marginal translations and references must also be examined and compared ; and Coke's, Benson's, or Clarke's Commentary be consulted when practicable, especially on difficult passages, and Wesley's Notes throughout. Dr. A. Clarke's *Clavis Biblica* may aid both the student and the examiner.

"FOR THE SECOND YEAR.—The Holy Bible and the Discipline, as before ; Wesley's Sermons, especially those of a doctrinal character ; Fletcher's Portrait of St. Paul ; Porteus' Evidences of Christianity ; and Watson's Apology for the Bible, (the editions from our own press;) and any approved English Grammar.

"FOR THE THIRD YEAR.—The Holy Bible and the Discipline, as before ; and Watson's Theological Institutes, to be first read through, and closely studied a second time, throughout, so as to be prepared to pass a satisfactory examination on the Evidences, the Doctrines, the Morals, and the Institutions of Christianity.

"FOR THE FOURTH YEAR.—A summary review of the preceding studies, with the Defence of our Fathers, and the Original Organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, under the appropriate heads, for a condensed view of ecclesiastical history, and of the various Christian denominations ; together with the Constitutions and latest reports of the Bible, Missionary, Sunday School, and Tract Societies. And any work from our own press on the best mode of forming and conducting Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

The Committee for examination of candidates for admission into full connection in this Conference, shall always be appointed at the Conference preceding the examination, and shall meet at the place of the next session, at 9 o'clock, A. M., two days previous to the session ; of which due notice shall be given to the candidate, whose duty it shall be to attend accordingly.

No candidate neglecting to attend as aforesaid, without good and sufficient reason in the judgment of the Conference, shall be admitted into full connection at that session.

The Committee shall consist of a number not less than the number of districts within the Conference ; and not less than one

third thereof, shall be such as have not served on the same committee for the year preceding.

The work of examination shall be subdivided among the members of the committee at the Conference preceding; and it shall be the duty of each member to attend and take part accordingly; but in case any one be unavoidably prevented, he shall give the earliest notice in his power to the chairman of the committee, who shall therefore, either appoint a substitute to perform that part of the examination, or perform it himself.

The committees of examination for each year, and the work of subdivision, as provided for in the fourth resolution above, shall be published annually in connection with the Minutes.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

FOR THE EXAMINATION OF PREACHERS OF THE FIRST YEAR.— On the Bible, Wm. M. Kennedy. On Biblical Biography, Geography, and Chronology, James Dannelly. On the Discipline, W. A. Gamewell. On Wesley's Notes, J. N. Davis.

FOR THOSE OF THE SECOND YEAR.— On the Bible, N. Talley. On the Discipline, H. Bass. On Wesley's Sermons, R. J. Boyd. On the Portrait of St. Paul, J. Stacey. On Porteus' Evidences and Watson's Apology, Wm. Martin. On English Grammar, S. Dunwody.

FOR THOSE OF THE THIRD YEAR.— On the Bible, Bond English. On the Discipline, J. W. Townsend. On Watson's Institutes, 1st Part, Whitefoord Smith; 2d Part, Wm. Crook; 3d Part, Samuel Armstrong; 4th Part, J. B. Anthony.

FOR THOSE OF THE FOURTH YEAR.— On the Summary Review of Watson's Institutes, W. M. Wightman. On the Defence of our Fathers and Organization of the M. E. Church, H. A. C. Walker. On Views of Church History, and Christian Denominations, from Watson's Biblical Dictionary, H. Spain. On the Constitution and Reports of Bible, Missionary, Tract, and Sunday School Societies, T. Huggins.

W. M. Kennedy is Chairman of the Committee of the first year; N. Tally, of the second; B. English, of the third; and W. M. Wightman, of the fourth.

SPECIAL ALLOWANCES.

The Conference directed that \$350 be raised to meet certain necessitous cases for this year. The Presiding Elders and

Preachers having charge of Circuits and Stations, are charged with this matter.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, AUXILIARY TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

Officers and Managers.—William Capers, President; Wm. M. Kennedy, 1st Vice-President; S. Dunwody, 2d Vice-President; W. M. Wightman, Secretary; Joseph Holmes, Treasurer; and N. Talley, H. Bass, C. Betts, W. Martin, H. A. C. Walker, Joseph Moore, W. Crook, C. A. Crowell, and B. English, Managers.

The following is the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the South-Carolina Conference congratulate the society and its friends on the recurrence of another anniversary. It is with feelings of no ordinary joy, and of sincerest gratitude to God whose kind providence has peculiarly marked the operations of this department of our work during the past year, that we make mention of its continued prosperity and success. The time has been, when the cultivation of this field of labour was considered an experiment; but nurtured up under the fostering care of the Head of the Church it has attained a maturity and vigour, which under the same blessing promise an abundant reward to all our toil. But while we speak of our Missionary operations as forming a distinct department of our work, it should be remembered that it is distinct, rather in its local peculiarities and in the mode of its support, than in any essential difference in those who labor, or those who are instructed. Let it never be forgotten that Methodism and itinerancy have been synonymous from the beginning. One hundred years have rolled around since our apostolic fathers commenced this missionary work. The rich had houses of worship, and ministers, and the word of God. But these were but a small minority even in Christendom. The poor, the multitudes of poor, had neither the book, nor the preacher, nor the Church. And yet the poor had souls which required instruction in the way to heaven; and into the highways

and hedges did these missionaries go to compel them to come in, and partake of the grace and mercy of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Missionary spirit from first to last proceeds upon the principle that the depravity of the human soul is so entire, that of itself it will never seek after God and holiness—that the lost are to be sought for, and brought back, or they never will be restored. It waits not for the Macedonian cry, come over and help us; nor till the shriek of despair from the verge of eternity is heard in piercing accents, saying, No man cared for my soul; but with a burning love which many waters cannot drown, it rushes forth upon its errand of benevolence, and bids the guilty world a hearty welcome to the mercy seat and all its treasury of grace.

Infinite is the distance at which the missionary spirit stands from the spirit of the world. The latter in the narrow circle of its own selfishness is at a loss to understand the expansive benevolence of the former; and supposes that some sinister design must be concealed under this pretended philanthropy. It is inadequate to the comprehension of those sublime and spiritual views by which the other is actuated, for it looks not to the love of God in the gift of Jesus Christ for the redemption of a ruined world. But before the spirit of the Missionary enterprise there is opened up a glorious future. The boundaries of earth and the limits of time do not circumscribe its view. It regards man, not so much in his relation to the things which are temporal as to the things which are eternal. Its eye is fixed upon his moral nature, his principle of immortality, and it looks beyond the circumstances of this world which sin has spoiled, to the illimitable and glorious destinies of that world which has been revealed by grace through the gospel of our blessed Lord. It aims not at such a conquest as the sword of the Macedonian won—it asks not the triumphs which conquerors boast—its laurels are not stained with blood—nor its exaltation and glory gained by the subjugation of empires, and the destruction of the political existence of hostile states.

Born in heaven and baptized with heaven's own spirit, it is all meekness, gentleness and love. It has for its object the destruction of sin, the renovation of man's moral nature, and the freedom of his spirit from the thraldom of Satan. This is its legitimate sphere of action, and beyond this, (*into whatever excesses fanaticism may run,*) the spirit of the gospel goes not.

"My kingdom is not of this world," said our divine Redeemer, and the church in its missionary operations keeps this principle constantly before it. It pretends not to interfere with the relations which the political constitution of the country has established. On the contrary, it is taught to reverence those institutions. Its pity is not excited by imaginary misery as attached to any condition of poverty or servitude, because it knows that these things form no barrier to human happiness and spiritual salvation. It has no purposes to serve by the political elevation or depression of any man or race of men, for its message of mercy is to all, and its wise and Almighty Author has so constituted it as that its benefits are adapted to every conceivable condition of human nature. There are those who destitute of the spirit of piety—and unable to comprehend the noble objects of the Missionary enterprise, and having private and political ends to serve, have from the beginning endeavored to excite suspicion in reference to that part of the Missionary field which in the Providence of God has been particularly placed under the supervision of this Conference. But we rejoice that every year's experience has more fully proven the error of such suspicions; and that the testimony of those who have the best opportunity of observing the operations of this system is clear and unequivocal in its support. The board take pleasure in submitting to the Society and to the public the following testimony to the faithfulness and purity of their missionaries, and to the excellence and success of the work of God on the missions to the blacks.

The undersigned, planters of St. Helena Parish, immediately interested in the mission of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, impressed with a deep sense of the importance of this benevolent cause, do hereby express our gratification at the course pursued during the past year by the Rev. Messrs. Leadbetter and Kirkland, and in view of the same, adopt the following resolutions—

Resolved, That in our opinion the present system of moral and religious instruction pursued by these missionaries among the negroes on our plantations is in the highest degree beneficial to their temporal and spiritual welfare.

Resolved, That we will make every effort in our power to aid these zealous men in the work of religious improvement among our slaves—that we will encourage them to go on imparting the "glad tidings of salvation" to those whose condition, temporal and eternal, is peculiarly entrusted to our care.

The above preamble and resolutions are signed by Messrs. Thos. Fuller, S. Elliott, Senr. A. Habersham, Colin Campbell, John G. Barnwell, Thos. M. Rhett, John J. Smith, M. Stuart, Thos. Means, Thos. Fuller, Junr., B. B. Sams, John M. Verdier, and by Mrs. Mary Means.

The following letter from a well-known, experienced, and influential gentleman of Georgetown District, the Board take pleasure in also submitting.

SAMPIT, Dec. 18, 1839.

To the Missionary Board of the South-Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church :

GENTLEMEN,—Being much gratified with the improvement of my negro children who have been catechised once a fortnight by Missionaries from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and being very desirous to have religious service on my plantation every Sunday, that my old people as well as others may conveniently attend, I have erected a decent meeting house for the purpose, and will cheerfully contribute three hundred dollars annually to the Missionary fund, to have preaching every Sunday forenoon, and to have the children catechised in the afternoon.

I solicit the consideration of the Conference, and if compatible with the rules of the society, I beg leave to request an appointment that we have service every Sunday at my plantation on Sampit. I am, with great respect, your obedient servant.

(Signed)

FRANCIS WITHERS.

The Board submit as is usual, a brief notice of the various fields of Missionary labor of which this Conference has the oversight.

1. The Savannah, May, and New River Mission has been, during the past year under the charge of the Rev. John M. Deas. It includes 9 plantations, has about 20 church members, and 176 children who are orally catechised. This mission is represented as in a prosperous condition.

2. The Beaufort Mission has been served by the Rev. Messrs. Thos. E. Leadbetter and William C. Kirkland. It includes 30 plantations; and has near 300 church members, and 400 children under catechetical instruction, orally as before and in all cases. The Missionaries represent it as in a flourishing condition, which is confirmed by the resolutions above.

3. Pocotaligo Mission. This has been under the care of the Rev. John N. Davis, who reports 9 plantations as served. It contains 38 church members and 211 probationers; and has

167 children catechised. It is represented as in a healthful state.

4. Combahee and Ashepoo Mission. This mission has been served by the Revs. Charles S. Walker and Thomas S. Daniel. It comprehends 9 plantations, with 775 church members, and 300 children catechised. It is also represented as in a prosperous condition.

5. Pon Pon Mission. This Mission has been served by the Rev. Charles Wilson. It numbers but 4 plantations, though these are very large; and includes 368 church members, and 153 children under catechetical instruction. It is likewise flourishing.

6. South Santee Mission has been under the charge of the Rev. John R. Coburn. It numbers 14 plantations, with 255 church members, and 247 probationers, and has 225 children catechised. This mission is likewise in a good condition.

7. North Santee Mission has been under the care of the Rev. William C. Ferrell. It embraces 14 plantations, having 385 church members, with 200 children catechised. This mission is represented as not only in a good condition but improving, and calls for the service of an additional laborer.

8. Cooper River Mission. The Rev. Lewis J. Crum was appointed to this field, but his health having failed early in the year, the Rev. John H. Massey was employed for the remainder of the year. It embraces 18 plantations, with 14 white and 441 colored members, and 225 children catechised. This mission is also improving and needs another missionary.

9. The Wateree Mission was supplied by the Revs. W. A. Gamewell, and Larke O'Neale. It includes 25 plantations, with 40 white and 498 colored members, and 200 children catechised. This Mission has been so enlarged, and the work so prosperous as to require in the opinion of the Board a division, and they accordingly recommend such a division, and the establishment of another mission to be called the Rocky Mount Mission.

10. Upper Santee Mission was served by the Revs. Samuel Leard and Sherod Owens. It embraces 27 plantations, with 740 church members, and 120 children catechised. It is represented as in a prosperous condition.

11. The Broad River Mission was under the charge of the Rev. Joseph Holmes. It comprehends 9 plantations, with 55 church members, and 40 children under catechetical instruction. The missionary represents it as in a prosperous state.

12. Black River and Pee Dee Mission was served by the Revs. Leonard Rush and Cornelius McLeod. It comprises 42 plantations, and has 32 white and 1033 colored members, and 1036 children catechised. This mission is very flourishing; and at the request of Mr. Withers, the Board recommend the institution of a new mission to be called the Sampit Mission.

13. Waccamaw Neck Mission has been served by the Revs. William J. Jackson, and Jas. L. Belin. It embraces 22 plantations, with 4 white and 574 colored members, 525 children catechised. This mission is also represented as flourishing.

14. Catawba mission to the whites, has been served by the Rev. J. B. Anthony. It has 12 preaching places, and 92 white and 3 colored members. The Board recommend the discontinuance of this mission, and that it be incorporated in the Lincolnton and Kings' Mountain Circuits.

15. The Rock Fish Mission, is also among the whites, and has been under the charge of the Rev. Allen McCorquodale. It has 16 preaching places, with 144 white and 131 colored members. It is reported as prosperous.

The Board recommend the establishment of a mission to the blacks on Cape Fear River, to be called the Cape Fear Mission. Also a mission among the whites between the waters of Little Pee Dee and Waccamaw Rivers, to be called the Fair Bluff Mission. They also recommend the employment of a domestic Missionary for the suburbs of Charleston.

A mission to the whites is also recommended to be established on the Saluda River within the bounds of Anderson District, to be called Upper Saluda Mission.

The Board think it desirable, if practicable, to have a suitable superintendent of the Missionary work, whose whole time might be given to it, both to increase the interest of the public generally in this department, and to secure uniformity in the conduct of the work; who should visit each mission at least twice a year.

Thus, brethren, we have laid before you the field of Missionary labour which is emphatically yours. Upon that field the dew of heaven's grace has fallen, and the blessing of Israel's God has rested. Amid the hardships and exposures of that work some of our brethren in former years have sunk and died. Only the year before that which has now just closed, two of our esteemed brethren went down to the grave. Their memory is blessed, and will long be cherished with respect among us. We are called to record with grateful hearts the mercy of the Lord who has

kept us alive through this blessed year, to behold our denominational jubilee, and rejoice on the Centenary of Methodism.—We hail with holy exultation the peace and prosperity which prevail throughout our bounds at the present time, and regard this as a harbinger of still greater success in the second century of our history. In this glorious work of evangelization let us still go on, until the whole harvest now white and ready for the sickle shall be gathered into the garner of God.

All which is respectfully submitted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER,

Of the South Carolina Conference Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the year 1839.

RECEIVED FROM THE MISSIONS.

From Ashepoo Mission—Mrs. James L. Gibbs by Dr. Capers, \$30; Upper Santee Mission by Rev. S. Leard, 201.

Cooper River Mission—From Dr. Thos. G. Prioleau, \$5; a collection at Charity M. H., 7; Mrs. Mary Lamb, 2; Mrs. Elizabeth Humphreys, 2—16.

South Santee Mission—By Rev. J. R. Coburn—From C. C. Pinckney, Esq. for the year 1838, \$25.

Wateree Mission—By Rev. W. A. Gamewell—From John M. Desaussure, Esq., \$50; James C. Doby, Esq., 30; Hail D. Matheson, Esq., 30; L. Boykin, Esq., and lady, 20; Mrs. Rebecca Ballard, 15; George Stratsford, 15; Mrs. J. S. Ancrum, 10; Jacob Little, 10; Col. William McWillie, 10; Mrs. S. Ciples, 10; Mrs. N. Reid, 5; J. Mothershead, 5; W. Thompson, 5; T. Walker, 5; Sundry persons 30 54; Dr. John Milling, (order,) 15; Col. U. J. Taylor, (order,) 30—295 54.

Pon Pon Mission—By Rev. C. Wilson—From Wm. Aiken, Esq., \$150; from Col. L. Morris, 75; C. Baring, Esq., 150—375.

Waccamaw Mission—By Rev. James L. Belin—From Mr. Charles Allston, \$100; Mr. Francis Withers annual subscription, 100; Col. Joshua J. Ward, 100—300.

Black River and Peegee Mission—By Rev. L. Rush—From Mrs. Sarah Coachman, last year, \$5; a friend to missions, 10; B. M. Grier, 5, a friend to missions, 10; John Exum, Esq. 10; John B. McDowell, 5; Mrs. Coachman, 5; F. Withers, 100; Mr. McDowell, 5; a friend to missions, 25; J. J. Green, 5;

F. Green, 5; Col. Robert Allston, 10, John H. Allston, 15 ; A. B. Jayrow, 5; Sundry persons, 5; E. Coachman, 5—\$230.

North Santee Mission, by Rev. W. C. Ferrell—From James H. Ladson, 35; Edw. Frost, 25 ; Hon. Henry Deas, 20; Mrs. Allen D. Lowndes 20; Andrew Johnson 25; Major W. R. Maxwell 30; Col. Jas. R. Pringle 10; Benj. A. Munnerlyn 50 cts.; Emma Munnerlyn 50 cts.—\$166.

Rock Fish Mission—By Rev. A. McCorquodale—Collected at Copeland's, \$7 50; at McPherson's, 7 50; at Rock Fish Factory, 3 86; at McArthur's, 3 45; at Buie's, 6 50; at Beaver Creek, 55 60; at Monroe, 2 43—\$86 84.

Pocotaligo Mission—By Rev. J. N. Davis—From Robert Chisolm, Esq. \$100; Note from the same gentleman, 200; Rev. Stephen Elliott, jun. 50; Henry M. Stewart, 40; Dr. Thomas Fuller, sen. 40; F. G. Fraser, obligation for 75.—\$505.

Combahee and Ashepoo Mission—From the Hon. Thomas Lowndes, 100; Mrs. Dent, 20; Jno. G. Godfrey, Esq. 20; a friend to the mission, 20; Thos. M. Rhett, Esq. 15; Hon. R. Barnwell Rhett, 100—\$275.

Catawba Mission—By Rev. J. B. Anthony, \$21.

Beaufort Mission—By Rev. Thos. E. Leadbetter—John J. Smith, \$50; Dr. Thos. Fuller, 40; Col. M. Stuart, 25; Miss Sarah Barnwell, 10; Dr. Thos. Means, 80; Mrs. A. Habersham, 20; J. G. Barnwell, Esq. 50; J. M. Verdier, Esq. 40; Thos. Fuller, jun. 8; Rev. Stephen Elliott, sen. 50; Mrs. A. Leadbetter, 5; Anna, a colored woman, 50 cts.—378 50.

Savannah, May and New River Mission—By Rev. J. M. Deas—from William A. Baynard, Esq., \$20.

Broad River Mission—By Rev. Joseph Holmes—Daniel H. Carr, Esq., \$25; Edward Means, 20 ; Dr. David H. Means, 10; Elijah Cornwell, 2; Mrs. Hooper, 50 cents; from a lady, a friend to missions, 2—\$59 50.

RECEIVED FROM BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Asbury Missionary Society, Charleston, \$71; Cokesbury Missionary Tract and Sunday School Society, 154 12; Cypress circuit Missionary Society, 48 10; Missionary Society, Union circuit, 14; Black Swamp Missionary Society, 30; Pee Dee circuit, Missionary Society, by Rev. R. J. Boyd, 138 22 ; Missionary Society, Georgetown, by Rev. A. M. Forster, 14 75; Female Missionary, Newbury circuit to make Rev. David Derrick a life member of the Parent Society, 20; from the same to make Rev. Simpson Jones, a life member of the South-Carolina Con-

erence Missionary Society, 10; from the same to make Rev. S. Neil, a life member, 10; Cheraw Missionary Society by Rev. H. A. C. Walker, 60; Young Men's Missionary Society of Cokesbury Manual Labour School; by Rev. A. M. Chrietzenberg, 36; Wilmington Missionary Society by Rev. J. H. Wheeler, 80 50; Juvenile Missionary Society, Charleson, by Rev. Nicholas Talley, 92 20; Missionary Society, Fayetteville, 36 50; Missionary Society, Charleston, by J. C. Miller, 387 74; Missionary Society, Orangeburg, by Rev. M. C. Turrentine, 210 25—\$1423 38.

COLLECTED ON CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

From York circuit, \$3; from Santee circuit, 53; Cooper River circuit, 1 62; Walterborough circuit, 8; Montgomery circuit, 1; Lincolnton circuit, 6; Barnwell circuit, 9; amount of monthly collections taken up in the Methodist Episcopal church in Columbia, by Rev. C. Betts, 61; collected on the Newberry circuit, 143; Lancaster circuit, 15; Columbia circuit, 19 25; Wadesborough, 21 49; Black River circuit, 8; Centre circuit, 12; Morganton circuit, 8 20; Greenville circuit, 13 18; Bladen circuit, 5 50; Kings Mountain circuit, 2 50; Rockingham circuit, 56 77; Waccamaw circuit, 32 50; Spartanburg circuit, 3 35—\$481 36.

LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

From Mrs. A. C. Maybin to make Rev. Jno. A. Minick a life member, \$10; Miss Drusilla Mickler, 10; Henry Shunk, to make Mrs. Sarah Shunk, life member, 10; from Thos. A. Hayden, to make Thomas Crook Smith a life member, 10; Rev. Benjamin Hamilton, 10; Mrs. Nancy Hamilton, 10; Rev. Alfred H. Richardson, 10; Anthony W. Dozier, Georgetown, life member, 10; Mrs. Ann Eliza Myers, to make Bishop Morris a life member, 10; Mrs. Charlotte Belin, 10; Mrs. Margaret H. Haywood, 10; Rev. John M. Deas and Mrs. J. E. Deas, to make Mrs. E. Stoney a life member, 10—\$120.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. Ira L. Potter, \$1; Rhoda Russell, 1; Rev. J. D. Jones, 1; Samuel E. Capers, 1; Mrs. Sophia V. Capers, 1; Thomas U. Glenn, 1; J. S. Depas, 1; E. Depas, 1; Miss Sarah A. E. Thornton, 1; Mrs. Elizabeth Warren, 1; Miss Elizabeth T. Warren, 1; James Dunlap, 1; Mrs. Sarah Y. Workman, 1; Mrs. Margaret Matthys, 1; Keith F. Moffat, 1; Rev. R. Jenkins, 1; Miss Harriet Hart, 1; Rev. S. D. Laney, 1; from Rev. John Tradewell, to make his little daughters, Amelia Adeline, and Jane

Coleston, annual members, 2; Rev. J. B. Anthony 1, Rev. J. W. Wellborn, 1; Rev. S. Armstrong, 1; Rev. J. M. Bradley, 1; F. A. Littlejohn, 1; Mrs. Nancy Walton, 1; Rev. Campbell Smith, 1; Rev. W. P. Mouzon, 1; Rev. Jacob Nipper, 1; Rev. M. C. Turrentine, 1; Sarah E. W. Turrentine, 1; Rev. Alfred H. Richardson, 1; Rev. James Jenkins, 1; Rev. John H. Massey, 1; Mrs. Ann E. Myers, 1; Rev. J. W. Townsend, 1; Rev. J. R. Coburn, 1; Rev. A Hamby, 1; Miss Eliza Power, 1; Rev. Allen McCorquodale, 1; Rev. Joseph Moor, 1; Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 1; Rev. Churchwell A. Crowell, 1; Rev. W. S. Halton, 1; Rev. W. A. McSwain, 1; Mrs. Elizabeth McSwain, 1; Thomas J. Haywood, 1; William Thomas, 1; Mrs. Mary S. O'Sullivan, 1; John Mickler, 1; Mrs. Charlotte Mickler, 1; Miss Jemima Mickler, 1; Rev. Wm. Patterson for the past year, 1; Rev. William Patterson for the present year, 1; Miss Caroline Power, 1—Total \$55.

DONATIONS.

A. Inabnet, \$100; William Clarkson, Esq., Richland District, presented by Rev. W. J. Jackson, 15; Benj. Corley, Barnwell circuit, by Rev. J. W. Townsend, for the Oregon Mission, 10; Domestic Missions, 10; from different individuals, 6; from Sabbath School, Columbia, by Rev. C. Betts for Domestic Missions, 15; for Foreign Missions, 13; from several friends in Georgetown by brother Forster, 5; from some friends on Newberry circuit, to make Rev. John Tarrant a life member, 10; Calvin J. Watkins, deceased, Wadesboro, 100; Elizabeth Jenkins, 50 cents; Thomas W. Williams, Esq., Cokesbury, 1; Miss Mary Lequeux, 1; Joseph Griffith, 1; Sister Crandall, Mission to the Jews, 5; from the Darlington Female Working Society, 59; Dr. S. H. Dickson, 10; Sarah Twaddle, 2; from a friend, 5. Total \$358 50

Anniversary collection, taken up in Trinity Church \$120.

RECAPITULATION.

Contributed on the different missions,	- - - - -	\$2984 48
Branch Societies,	- - - - -	1423 38
Circuits and Stations,	- - - - -	481 36
Life Subscriptions,	- - - - -	120 00
Annual Subscribers,	- - - - -	55 00
Donations,	- - - - -	358 54
Anniversary Collection,	- - - - -	120 00
Aggregate,		\$5542 76

Amount of Centenary collections for missionary purposes,	1620 82
	\$7163 58
MONIES PAID AWAY.	
Paid to Eleanor A. Barton, by Dr. Capers,	\$100 00
Paid Rev. W. M. Wightman for a book for the use of Missionary Society,	4 00
Paid Rev. N. Talley \$50, subscribed for re-building churches in Charleston, but by mistake handed to the Treasurer of missionary society,	50 00
Paid 1st and 2d instalments for the Cokesbury Dist.	100 00
Paid Rev. W. Crook, deficiency for last year,	25 00
Paid Rev. W. M. Wightman 1st and 2d instalments for Cokesbury District,	100 00
Paid Rev. H. Spain, for Columbia District,	712 50
Paid Rev. H. Bass, for Charleston District,	2337 50
Paid Rev. W. Crook, for Lincolnton District,	100 00
Paid Rev. Bond English, for Wilmington District,	687 50
	\$4116 50
This amount forwarded to the parent society,	3046 82
	\$7163 32

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REPORT ON THE NEW YORK RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the Temperance Resolutions of the N. Y. Conference, beg leave respectfully to report:

That they have given to the subject the consideration which the time at their command would allow, and which the importance of so grave a subject as a proposal to alter a fundamental law of the church involves. Your Committee yield to none of the many and warm advocates of the cause of Temperance, in attachment and effort—They deplore the evils to the world which the manufacture and common use of ardent spirits involve and entail; and in all lawful, wise and safe measures, to exterminate from society this evil, they will claim a full share. But at the same time, it cannot be denied that the time in which we live is full of agitation and change. Novel schemes, subversive of old and tried institutions; bold and rapid movements, and an impatience of the existing order of things, these are the prophetic shadows cast by great coming events. Your Committee conceive that there is danger to the church of falling into the same feeling: of cherishing a disposition to innovate and deal in experiment, forgetful of the fact, that whatever is new in Christianity, whether in principle or doctrine, whether in theory or practice, is false: that however experiment may improve and perfect human systems, the Gospel is not, cannot be more than perfect; and at the very beginning, it was the “perfect law of liberty.” To push, therefore, the adventurous spirit of innovation into the first principles of a church constitution, reposing as it does upon the clear warrant of Holy Writ, must be attended with peril. The most urgent necessity must be shown to exist, the defect of existing law must be clearly made out, the scriptural sanction must be manifest, and the severest caution should mark the whole affair, lest innovation becoming the order of the day, and a breach being once made, the black and perilous floods of strife should sweep over the whole church.

Now, your Committee think that the article in the General Rules as it now stands, and as it has stood for nearly half a century, is as good as the proposed substitute. With regard to the difference between a case of necessity, and a case of *extreme* necessity, of course every one in the end will judge for himself. Let it be a case of actual necessity, and where is the bar in reason or scripture, against the use of spirituous liquors. And, on the other hand, if one is disposed to be dishonest with his own

conscience, it will not be difficult to imagine an *extreme necessity* out of a small inconvenience.

These objections however, in the judgment of your Committee, do not lie against either the rescinding or altering of the 8th section of the 2d chapter of the Book of Discipline. This stands in the relation of a *prudential regulation*; the "General Rules" are the terms of communion, and we cannot but consider it highly desirable, that any thing in the Discipline which seems to give a licence to the manufacture and trade in ardent spirits should be stricken out.

Your Committee therefore, respectfully recommend for adoption by the Conference, the following Resolutions, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That this Conference is deeply sensible of the evils to society, and the individual involved, in the use and traffic of ardent spirits, and will never be wanting in a hearty co-operation in all proper efforts to abolish this evil.

2. *Resolved*, That the fundamental law of the Methodist Episcopal Church, embodied in the general rules resting upon the firm foundation of scriptural authority, and which prohibits the drinking of spirituous liquors, unless in cases of necessity, is good and sufficient—scripturally clear and properly guarded.

3. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the law proposed to be substituted for the existing article, might be as easily evaded, as the present, and moreover as there is some constitutional difficulty in the contemplated mode of reaching the general rules, and we are wholly opposed to the principle of disturbing settled constitutions, and primary fundamental rules of Church discipline, especially in these times of agitation and breaking up;—that therefore, we cannot concur with the Resolution of the New York Conference proposing a change in the general rules.

4. *Resolved*, That while we wish the general rules to remain undisturbed, we heartily concur with the recommendation to the General Conference, which proposes either the rescinding of the 8th chapter of the 2d section of the Book of Discipline; or the so amending it as to do away the manufacture of and trade in ardent spirits up to the full extent of our influence.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

January 14, 1840.

C. BETTS, *Chairman.*

